

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Previously Presented) A marking surface operable to be written on, drawn on or otherwise marked by a user comprising:

a marking area comprising penmanship improving indicia comprising ink capable of disappearing; and

an overlying barrier sheet for preventing permeation of air, said overlying barrier sheet being removably affixed to the marking area;

wherein removal of said overlying barrier sheet initiates a chemical reaction process in which said ink disappears after passage of a certain amount of time.

2. (Original) The marking surface of claim 1, wherein said barrier sheet is a sheet of synthetic polymer.

3. (Original) The marking surface of claim 1, wherein said barrier sheet is a sheet of lightweight aluminum foil.

4. (Original) The marking surface of claim 1, wherein said marking area includes an area for writing a note between a plurality of lines formed from said ink.

5. (Original) The marking surface of claim 1, further comprising a series of instructions located on said barrier sheet.

6. (Currently Amended ) A system for providing guidance for writing a note, comprising:

a writing surface including a penmanship improving indicia guidance means formed of a substance capable of disappearing; and

an activating cover treated with a reactionary agent for initiating a reaction process with the penmanship improving indicia when said activating cover is placed over said writing surface, thereby causing said substance to disappear.

7. (canceled) .

8. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein said activating cover is a sheet of synthetic polymer.

9. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein said activating cover is a sheet of light-weight aluminum foil.

10. (Original) A method for providing a writing surface with penmanship improving indicia, comprising:

treating the writing surface with a disappearing substance to form the penmanship improving indicia; and

covering the writing surface with an air-impermeable cover to prevent exposure of the writing surface to air.

11. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 6, wherein said activating cover comprises a chemical for initiating the reaction process when the activating cover is placed over said writing surface.